

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-00722-TSC**

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
JUSTICE et al

Assigned to: Judge Tanya S. Chutkan  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 03/29/2018

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
03/29/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against All Defendants ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5395348) filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons U.S. Department of Justice, # <u>3</u> Summons U.S. Department of State, # <u>4</u> Summons U.S. Attorney, # <u>5</u> Summons U.S. Attorney General)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 03/29/2018)
03/29/2018	<u>2</u>	LCvR 7.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Peterson, James) (Entered: 03/29/2018)
03/29/2018		Case Assigned to Judge Tanya S. Chutkan. (zsth) (Entered: 03/29/2018)
03/29/2018	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (4) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zsth) (Entered: 03/29/2018)
04/18/2018	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 4/9/2018. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 5/9/2018.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 04/09/2018., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 4/9/2018 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Affidavit of Cristina Rotaru)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 04/18/2018)
04/18/2018	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 4/11/2018; (See docket entry no. <u>4</u> to view.) (ztd) (Entered: 04/19/2018)
05/01/2018	<u>6</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Claire M. Whitaker on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Whitaker, Claire) (Entered: 05/01/2018)
05/09/2018	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Whitaker, Claire) (Entered: 05/09/2018)
05/09/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. The requirements of LCvR 16.3 and Rule 26(f) of the Federal Rules of Civil procedure appear to be inapplicable. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the parties shall meet and confer and propose a schedule for proceeding in this matter. The schedule shall address the status of Plaintiff's FOIA request, the anticipated number of documents responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request, the anticipated date(s) for release of the documents requested by Plaintiff, whether a motion for an Open America stay is likely in this case, whether a Vaughn index will be required in this case, whether and when either party anticipates filing a dispositive motion, and any other pertinent issues. The parties shall file a joint status report that addresses these issues and that contains a proposed schedule and proposed order not later than 6/8/18. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 5/9/18. (DJS) (Entered: 05/09/2018)
05/10/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 6/8/2018. (tb) (Entered: 05/10/2018)
06/08/2018	<u>8</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Joshua M. Kolsky on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Kolsky, Joshua) (Entered: 06/08/2018)
06/08/2018	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Kolsky, Joshua) (Entered: 06/08/2018)

06/11/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Having considered the parties' Joint Status Report <u>9</u> , it is hereby ordered that the parties shall file another joint report (and proposed order ) by July 16, 2018. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 6/11/18. (DJS) (Entered: 06/11/2018)
06/12/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/16/2018. (tb) (Entered: 06/12/2018)
07/16/2018	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Kolsky, Joshua) (Entered: 07/16/2018)
07/18/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Having considered the parties' Joint Status Report <u>10</u> , it is hereby ordered that the parties shall file another joint report by September 4, 2018 and every 30 days thereafter. To the extent the report contains a proposed production schedule and/or briefing schedule, the report shall be accompanied by a proposed order. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 7/18/18. (DJS) (Entered: 07/18/2018)
07/19/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/4/2018. (tb) (Entered: 07/19/2018)
09/04/2018	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Kolsky, Joshua) (Entered: 09/04/2018)
10/03/2018	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Kolsky, Joshua) (Entered: 10/03/2018)
11/05/2018	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Kolsky, Joshua) (Entered: 11/05/2018)
12/05/2018	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Kolsky, Joshua) (Entered: 12/05/2018)
12/07/2018	<u>15</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL – by Paul Cirino on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE and U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE Substituting for attorney Joshua M. Kolsky and Claire Whitaker. (ztnr) (Entered: 12/07/2018)
01/03/2019	<u>16</u>	Unopposed MOTION to Stay <i>in Light of Lapse of Appropriations</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 01/03/2019)
01/07/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Denying <u>16</u> Motion to Stay without prejudice for failure to comply with Local Civil Rule 7(c), which requires that "[e]ach motion... shall be accompanied by a proposed order." Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 1/7/19. (DJS) (Entered: 01/07/2019)
01/08/2019	<u>17</u>	Unopposed MOTION to Stay <i>in Light of Lapse in Appropriations</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 01/08/2019)
01/16/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>17</u> Motion to Stay. All deadlines are hereby STAYED. Defendants' counsel shall notify the court within two days after Congress has appropriated funds for the Justice Department. It is further ordered that all current deadlines for the parties shall be extended commensurate with the duration of the lapse in appropriations. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 1/16/19. (DJS) (Entered: 01/16/2019)
01/29/2019	<u>18</u>	NOTICE of Restored Government Funding by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 01/29/2019)
02/08/2019	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 02/08/2019)
03/04/2019		MINUTE ORDER LIFTING STAY: Effective January 25, 2019. See ECF No. <u>18</u> Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 3/4/19. (DJS) (Entered: 03/04/2019)
03/11/2019	<u>20</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 03/11/2019)
04/10/2019	<u>21</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 04/10/2019)